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SUBJECT: INFCE WORKING GROUP 5, SUP-GROUP C, MEETING OF
APRIL 7, 1978

1. THE INFCE WORKING GROUP 5, SUB-GROUP C, MET IN VIENNA,
APRIL 7, WITH THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
PARTICIPATING: BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, JAPAN,
SWITZERLAND, UK, USA, CEC, IAEA. OBSERVERS FROM AUSTRIA,
PAKISTAN AND THE USSR WERE PRESENT. US REPS WERE
M. G. STEVENSON (LOS ALAMOS), A. V. NERO (ACDA), AND
G. E. TILL (ARGONNE). THE MEETING COVERED THE FOLLOWING
AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. DISCUSSION AND MODIFICATION OF THE SUB-GROUP C
REPORT PREPARED BY THE RAPPORTEUR, MR. CICOGNANI;
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- B. COMMITMENTS ON NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUB-
GROUP C REPORT;
- C. PROCEDURAL MATTERS WITHIN SUB-GROUP C; AND
- C. SUMMARY OF EXPECTED RAPPORTEUR REPORT TO WORKING
GROUP 5 MEETING IN BOLOGNA, APRIL 12.

2. THE OUTLINE WAS MODIFIED TO REFLECT US CONCERNS,

SPECIFICALLY:

- A. TO INCLUDE SAFEGUARDS AS AN ITEM IN ADDITION TO PHYSICAL PROTECTION (THIS OMISSION WAS LARGELY AN OVERSIGHT IN THE ORIGINAL OUTLINE); AND
- B. TO INCLUDE A SEPARATE ITEM ON "MULTINATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT AS A MEANS AGAINST PROLIFERATION."

3. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION FOCUSING ON THE IDEA THAT SUB-GROUP 5 SHOULD CONSIDER ONLY THOSE ISSUES SPECIFIC TO FBR'S, PARTICULARLY ON INTERNATIONALIZATION ISSUES AND FUEL CYCLE CENTERS. HERE THE FRENCH CONTENDED THAT THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THERMAL REACTOR CYCLES AND FBR CYCLES WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONALIZATION AND FUEL CYCLE CENTERS. HOWEVER, THEY DID AGREE TO THE PRESENCE OF THESE TOPICS IN THE SUB-GROUP'S OUTLINE. THE IAEA ASKED FOR GUIDANCE ON WHAT FBR CASES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THEIR EFFORT TO EXTEND THEIR PREVIOUS STUDY ON REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS. THE PREDOMINANT VIEW WAS THAT THE PRESENCE OF FBR'S MADE NO GREAT DIFFERENCE IN THIS MATTER. NONETHELESS, THE IAEA AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE A SHORT STATEMENT ON THE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES.

4. THE RAPPORTEUR WAS RECEPTIVE TO ALLOWING INPUTS IN ALL AREAS ON BOTH ADVANCED FUELS AND ALTERNATE FUEL CYCLES, INCLUDING SYMBIOTIC CYCLES INVOLVING THORIUM.
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5. THERE WAS A STRONG RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPARING OVERALL PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE OF ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS, BUT GENERAL AGREEMENT TO IDENTIFY PROLIFERATION-RELATED TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF FBR SYSTEMS EXAMINED. THE QUESTION OF PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE ASSESSMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE A QUESTION FOR THE WHOLE OF INFCE THAT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE TCC FOR JUDGMENT ON HOW (AND BY WHOM) COMPARISONS SHOULD BE MADE.

6. THE FRG AND THE US AGREED TO PREPARE REPORTS ON ALL ITEMS IN THE OUTLINE EXCEPT FOR C.1.1 (ABSENCE OF U ENRICHMENT) AND C.1.7 (DECOMMISSIONING). FRANCE COMMITTED FOR ALL EXCEPT C.1.1 (REDUCED MINING ACTIVITIES) AND C.3 (FUEL CYCLE CENTERS), CONTENDING THAT THIS WOULD BE COVERED WELL ENOUGH IN WG-4. THE UK COMMITTED FOR C.1 (ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) AND C.2 (SAFEGUARDS), BUT NOT C.3 AND C.4 (ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES) SINCE THEY DO NOT HAVE AN INTERNAL AGREED UPON POSITION. COMMITTED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS WERE SCATTERED.

7. THE RAPPORTEUR WILL PREPARE A SUMMARY REPORT BASED ON
AND REFERRING TO ALL INPUTS. HE WILL POINT OUT WHERE
BOTH AGREEMENTS AND DISAGREEMENTS EXIST. THE
RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND
COMMENT BY ALL PARTICIPANTS.

8. THE DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INITIAL
RAPPORTEUR'S DRAFT WAS SET AT SEPTEMBER 1, 1978, WITH
TWO MORE SUB-GROUP MEETINGS LIKELY BETWEEN THAT TIME
AND SUBMITTAL OF THE SUB-GROUP C REPORT ABOUT APRIL 1,
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SCHEDULING OF FURTHER MEETINGS WOULD BE TAKEN UP ON
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